

1ST DEEPENS RHINE BRIDGEHEAD 5 MI.

Hodges, Patton Armies Meet

PARIS, March 9 (UP).—The U. S. First Army poured its full might over a captured Rhine bridge south of Cologne today and pushed spearheads 13 miles southward along the west bank for a junction with the Third Army, which was expected to start crossing the river at any moment.

The meeting between Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces trapped elements of 10 German divisions—50,000 to 150,000 men—in a 1,000-square mile pocket

extending almost back to the Belgian border, and put the Allies along an almost solid stretch of the Rhine from the Coblenz area to Holland. The only German west bank pocket—around Wesel—was under furious attack by the Canadian First Army.

The First and Third junction was made near the towns of Brohl and Andernach, eight and 13 miles southeast of the First Army's Remagen bridgehead.

North of Remagen other First Army units crushed the last German resistance in the ancient towns of Bonn and Bad Godesberg, a late headquarters announcement said.

5 MILES INSIDE

Tanks, artillery and infantry of Hodges' Army which seized the Ludendorf rail bridge at Remagen 10 minutes before the Germans were ready to dynamite it Wednesday afternoon, expanded the east bank bridgehead in Germany's crumbling inner fortress to more than 50 square miles, according to unofficial reports. The Yanks were at least five miles beyond the east bank.

The Yanks seized the town of Erpel, directly across the river from Remagen and fanned out in all directions against weak enemy resistance. Berlin said American "spearheads" were driving inland and were halted at Linz, three miles south of Erpel and Enkel, two miles north.

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309 B-29s in Record Raid on Tokyo

GUAM, Saturday, March 10 (UP).—More than 300 Superfortresses touched off huge fires in a 10-square mile area of Tokyo today in the greatest raid of the war against Japan.

More than 1,000 tons of incendiaries were dropped in this all-fire bomb raid.

On the basis of early reports from crewmen, Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay, commanding general of the 21st Bomber Command, announced: "There is a conflagration in Tokyo tonight."

The big bombers were attempting to burn out the 10-square mile area of "zone one" in

central Tokyo, which has approximately 1,000,000 population and closely-packed military, business and industrial districts.

Crewmen said columns of flames leaped high during the early dark hours of the morning.

Superfortress bomber crews have been instructed to report results on the following scale: 1. No fires; 2. Small fires; 3. Large fires; 4. Conflagrations.

Today they reported conflagrations.

First reports indicated the B-29s encountered scant fighter opposition but heavy anti-

aircraft fire. No planes were reported lost in the first half hour of the raid.

This strike constituted the first announced use of the B-29 base on Guam. Operational bases have now been placed in commission on all three Marianas islands in American possession—Saipan, Tinian and Guam.

The Sumida River runs through "zone one" of Tokyo, and the area is broken up by fire breaks. But it was felt here that the huge load of incendiaries taken to Japan was sufficient to spread flames over the entire area despite anti-fire precautions on the ground.

FDR Renews Plea for Strong Manpower Legislation

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UP).—President Roosevelt renewed today his plea for enactment of strong manpower control legislation backed by government authority to assign men to war jobs. The voluntary manpower control system, he told a news conference, has failed to produce a sufficient work force to supply the necessary materials of war.

U.S. Gains Most In World Bank, Hearing Told

Daily Worker Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Mar. 9. — Dr. Harry White of the Treasury today told the House Banking and Currency Committee that "of all the countries, the one which has the most to gain out of these institutions—" meaning the Bank and Fund planned at Bretton Woods—"is the United States."

The chairman, Brent Spence (D-Ky), red in the face and intense about it, refused to let Dr. White reply. From now on, he said, the witnesses were going to be heard uninterruptedly. Then the members would be given a chance to ask questions in orderly procedure, alternating from one side of the table to another.

Thus the chairman, by getting tough, prevented the hearing from taking on the character of a free for all which marked the first day's session.

Dr. White elaborated. The U. S. doesn't need to borrow from the bank or fund. It does not want to alter its currency. It does not want to embark on any cut-throat ventures in international finance.

"But through these institutions," he said, "we can get the assurance that others will behave as we do, that others will give up their rights to practice international economic warfare. Meanwhile we aren't giving up anything anyway."

When representatives of foreign governments came to the Bretton Woods, he reminded the congressmen, it was with the instructions to get something—"and they don't give up easily." He paid tribute to the "fighting spirit of the American delegates," including Messrs. Spence and Jesse Wolcott, (R-Mich), of the committee.

"And nine times out of 10 we stood our ground and we won," he declared.

For the first time in three days, charts were introduced, with pictures of factories and wheat and railroad cars, and curves and figures beneath.

White showed how various nations who fell off the gold standard were forced off, in the thirties. He showed how world trade dropped from 60 to 22 billion in 11 years.

His discussion was viewed as a stimulus to congressional conferees who will start work soon on their efforts to write a compromise bill acceptable to both House and Senate.

The House passed a bill some weeks ago which would provide fines and penalties for men 18 to 45 who refuse to stay in or take essential jobs.

The Senate passed a bill yesterday which would give statutory backing to the War Manpower Commission's orders limiting the number of persons an employer may hire. The Senate provided penalties against recalcitrant employers, but none for workers.

Mr. Roosevelt made it clear today that he preferred the House bill.

The congressional conferees who will seek to compromise the widely-diverging House and Senate bills have not yet been picked. But their work already is cut out for them. They probably will get started early next week.

Postpone Teen Age Homicide Case

A Bronx Magistrate's Court hearing on Edward Rodriguez and Edward Fernandez, teen-agers charged with the slaying of Jesse Jones Richardson, Negro student, has been postponed until March 14.

Murray Urges Congress Act on Wages, Policies

Daily Worker Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, March 9.—CIO President Philip Murray today called for Congressional action to strengthen the government's wage and price policy.

Murray urged that Congress petition the President to require upward revision in War Labor Board wage policy and instruct OPA to control war profiteering.

The CIO chief called for an enunciation of national policy in regard to wages and prices after V-E day and said he saw a definite deflationary threat unless an immediate general wage increase is granted and maintenance of high wages after V-E day is guaranteed.

He denounced the recent directive of Judge Fred Vinson, ex-Economic Stabilization Director, as "deplorable in every respect" and said it "should be suspended so the WLB

Franchot Tone To Be Narrator at Garden



FRANCHOT TONE

Franchot Tone, star of stage and screen, will be the Narrator for the presentation of Norman Corwin's "Untitled" at the CIO World-Unity Rally this Monday night at Madison Square Garden, it was announced yesterday.

The rally is sponsored by the CIO as a public endorsement of the accords reached at the Crimea and London World Trade Union Conferences.

can do the kind of job it is intended to do."

The directive granting "limited" adjustment of so-called fringe issues, Murray said, "further circumscribes the WLB's sphere of activities" and "subjects American workers to all kinds of wage discriminations."

Swiss Pact Bars Coal to Reich

LONDON, March 9 (UP). — The new Allied-Swiss trade agreement signed yesterday in Bern entirely prohibits the important transit traffic in iron and coal across Switzerland between Germany and northern Italy, a British foreign office spokesman said today.

Sun Ship Plans Closing One Yard; Union Vigilant for Negro Seniority

By WALTER LOWENFELS

CHESTER, March 9.—No. 4 yard at Sun Ship is due to be closed down by August. The 6,000 workers in the all-Negro yard will be employed in the other three yards, according to John G. Pew, president of the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. Notices posted throughout the plant attributed the closing to the need to spend a large sum of money for pilings under the ways. Company spokesmen said the increasing manpower shortage was another factor.

Over 26,000 men and women, including some 12,000 Negroes, are employed at Sun Ship, the largest private shipyard in the country. Last year's figure was over 30,000. The plant is covered by a CIO contract with Local 2, Industrial

Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers. The Maritime Commission schedule, according to company spokesmen, calls for 82 ships this year, one more than last year. The formal announcement has been expected by CIO workers. Pew met with a union delegation about 10 days ago, and confirmed reports that the No. 4 yard would be shut down.

CONTROVERSY

Today's announcement was received with mixed feelings. The Jimcrow yard has been the subject of nationwide controversy since it was opened in 1942.

On one hand, the integration of Negro workers throughout the yard was greeted as in line with CIO policy. On the other hand, many

Negro workers were suspicious that they might lose seniority and ratings. There were reports that a Congressional investigation would be demanded.

Pending an official statement of the union position, the views of many workers, Negro and white, boiled down as follows: Production of ships for the war is the main issue. All workers, men and women, to be kept on the job, without loss of ratings. On these points, clarification was being asked on the Pew statement, which said: "Employees will be placed in positions in other departments as far as possible. Should it be necessary to change a few mechanics' classification, it will be a question of seniority in that department for the entire yard."

Spain Exiles in France -- A 7-Year Ordeal

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee invited Martha Gellhorn, author and Collier's correspondent, to report on her first-hand investigation of the condition of Spanish Republican refugees in France. This is her reply, released yesterday by the committee as part of its campaign to collect \$750,000 for the refugees:

By MARTHA GELLHORN

They need everything except courage. They had plenty of that to begin with and seven years of suffering has not diminished their supply. In these seven years tuberculosis has eaten at the young men and the women are worn and old and the children are too small and there are those who have lain in various concentration camps with the old wounds of their war untended. They are all thin because

they have been as near starvation as one can go and survive. At the last camp they were forbidden to uproot the grass and eat it; the camp authorities did not wish the appearance of their prison spoiled.

During these seven years they did not know they had any friends. They were told they were abandoned by the world. This too had no effect on that unlimited supply of courage. They had fought for what they believed, they believe it still, and given a chance they will fight for that faith again. The children believe as the fathers: the children are as solid as rock.

There was only one possible escape from the camps during the Vichy regime; a man or woman would be freed as a bond servant to a French employer. The employer decided the wages and working hours.

A fine surgeon worked for three years as a wood cutter; a woman

FRANCO AIRS PLEA TO SAVE REICH

The Spanish Radio Falange at Valladolid, in a broadcast reported yesterday by the Federal Communications Commission, said that Germany "guarantees peace, order, work, freedom and protection against Communism."

The Reich is the only nation capable of saving Europe from Communism, the broadcast said.

"It is regrettable that Europe will not realize this while there is time and thus save itself," the broadcast asserted.

teacher worked as a waitress; anyone worked who could, so as to eat and live. Because life was terribly important to them; one day they must again fight for Spain's freedom and win it and go home. It was the men who were out of the camps as bond servants who first formed themselves into Maquis bands, and in the southwest of France the Spaniards had taken to the hills and were fighting the Germans before anyone else.

Later the Spanish bands made contact with the French Maquis; their services are so clearly recognized that members of the Spanish Maquis have been decorated with the Croix De Guerre by the French Government. There is a list too long to repeat of the towns the Spanish liberated after the invasion of southern France; there is another long list dealing with locomotives blown up, destroyed bridges, German prisoners captured. When I saw the

ALP-CIO Body on Mayoralty

Formation of a planning board in preparation for the coming municipal and state elections was announced yesterday in a joint statement issued by the State CIO, the New York City CIO and the American Labor Party.

The board includes leaders of the state and city CIO bodies, the state organization of the ALP, the county organizations in New York City, and the national Political Action Committee.

The announcement stated that no determination had as yet been made on any candidate.

The proposal for such a planning board was made recently by Sidney Hillman, national PAC chairman and head of the state ALP organization. Its purpose is to act in an advisory capacity in order to coordinate the work of the ALP, the CIO and the national PAC in the mayoralty elections in New York City this fall, and in the gubernatorial and congressional contests in the fall of 1946.

The procedure will be, according to the announcement, that the planning board will consider the recommendations of the various counties for candidates for public office, and will then make its own recommendations to the CIO and ALP. It will also plan over-all campaign procedure.

Similar planning boards will be set up in the upstate areas shortly.

Chairman of the Board in New York City will be Hyman Blumberg, state ALP secretary. Benjamin Fielding, state ALP executive secretary, is also secretary of the planning board.

Louis Hollander, president of the New York State CIO; Joseph Curran, president of the City CIO and president of the National Maritime Union of America; Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer, City CIO; Ruth Young, executive secretary, District No. 4, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers; City Councilman Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union; Mr. Blumberg; Mr. Fielding; Harry J. Chapman, Queens County Chairman ALP and Assistant General Chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, AFL; Rep. Vito Marcantonio, ALP chairman of New York County; Eugene Connolly, ALP secretary of New York County; Max Torchin, ALP secretary of Kings County; Ward Cann, ALP Chairman of Richmond County; and Murray Weinstein, ALP Chairman of Bronx County and Vice-President of the Almagamated Clothing Workers of America; John Abt, national PAC Counsel.

Sugar Beet Center

From 18 to 20 per cent of the nation's sugar beets is produced in the Pacific Northwest.

Yanks Found Rhine Bridge--Crossed Same

PARIS, March 9 (UP).—The security blackout that had cloaked the progress of the First Army since it broke across the Rhine 48 hours ago was lifted partially to reveal that the Ludendorff bridge at Remagen was captured intact in one of the war's most amazing military coups.

A mighty tide of American men and equipment was racing through the breach and fanning out at top speed through the rolling hills east of the Rhine against a stunned and apparently demoralized enemy.

The Germans said that they "accidentally" did not dynamite it up, but First Army dispatches told a different story. The Ninth Armored Division of Maj. Gen. John W. Leonard was racing out from Euskirchen in a southerly drive toward junction with Patton when scouts discovered the bridge was still intact.

The drive already had reached the Ahr River near

Bad Neuenahr, five miles southwest of Remagen, when Leonard shifted his forces northeasterly and reached Remagen after a total advance of 22 miles.

Combat command "B," under the leadership of Brig. Gen. William M. Hoge, Lexington, Mo., builder of the Alcan Highway, captured the bridge and patrols went across a bare ten minutes before the Nazis' time fuses were set to go off.

Word was flashed back that the double-tracked, 1,300-foot long span was taken intact and Gen. Hodges immediately ordered his corps commanders to pour everything they had over it.

NO ONE LOST

In a broadcast from the American First Army front CBS correspondent Bill Downs said that the first companies to cross the Rhine did it without the loss of a man.

"Later," he said, an engineering battalion had three

men wounded by snipers. That was the cost of the initial crossing—three men wounded.

"The attack across the bridge is going well. We hold a number of towns and villages in the eastern Rhine Valley south of Cologne. The bridgehead has been substantially expanded the past 24 hours, for yesterday we held one village.

"The Germans still have not organized any major resistance, but American officers said they expected violent fighting before long. The mere loss of prestige to the Wehrmacht in allowing the First Army to cross without any opposition is enough to sting any German to action.

"One staff officer in the bridgehead said, 'When you get a bridgehead across the Rhine practically given to you, it's a good idea to take it.

"And that's what we're doing. No army on earth can push us back across the Rhine."

Chiang's Proposal a Fake, Say Chinese Communists

A spokesman for the Chinese Communist Party declared that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's reasons for rejecting Communist proposals for a coalition government were "simply a set of sophistries," and demanded immediate abolition of the Chiang's "one party dictatorship." The Communist statement was broadcast March 4 on the Yenan radio and reported here by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Communist Party will not refuse to continue negotiations, the spokesman stated, but he asserted that the National Congress which Chiang has called for Nov. 12 to set up a constitutional government would be nothing but a "national congress of slaves."

"Is it not only because the national congress will be subservient that he is now willing to consult it?" the spokesman asked. "Otherwise, why should he be unwilling to consult an easily-convened conference of parties and groups?"

Recalling that Chiang had stated his intention of retaining command of the National Army, the speaker said: "Chiang Kai-shek ought to be sacked and punished and replaced by a Chinese officer who has gained merits in armed resistance, appointed by a commission organized by the people."



A couple of U. S. infantrymen pass the body of a dead Nazi machinegunner on a shell-blasted street in Cologne without as much as a backward glance. They are on the alert for snipers.

Italy Purge of Fascism Not Yet Begun: Pravda

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, March 9.—The escape of Gen. Mario Roatta, wanted Italian war criminal, "indicates to the world that Italian fascists have not been uprooted and are continuing subversive activity in Rome," Pravda, Soviet Communist newspaper, declared today.

"The Crimean conference declared all war criminals must receive just and swift punishment," Pravda wrote. "This does not refer only to Germany."

As to the Crimea declaration on establishing democracy in liberated Europe, Pravda said: "In Italy as yet there is not this democracy. Uprooting of the fascist legacy has not even started. On the contrary, possibilities are opened for the fresh growth of fascism."

2 Torpedo Boats Sunk in Accident

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UP).—Two American torpedo boats, the PT-77 and the PT-79, have been sunk accidentally by a United States ship in the Philippines, the Navy announced today.

Casualties were light. Next of kin have been notified.

Rep. Mansfield Lauds USSR Role in Pacific

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Rep. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont), who returned last December from a trip to China as the personal representative of the President, gave a little advice today to "the people who are demanding that Russia give us Siberian bases or enter the Pacific war."

These critics who are prone to speculate why Russia is not at war with Japan, he said, "would do well to ponder" another question. He cited the fight the Soviet forces are waging against Hitler's legions in Europe.

"There Stalin's forces are carrying on magnificently and successfully. Could they do as well if they had to maintain another front in the Far East?" he asked.

Calling Russia "our greatest potential ally" in the Pacific area, he told the House: "Russia is today in the war with Japan even though her army and navy are not fighting our enemy."

He reminded his audience that the Soviet Union has an army of from 500,000 to 700,000 on the Manchukuo-Korean frontier and, facing them, an estimated 600,000 in the Kwantung army of Japan, "young, splendidly trained and well-equipped soldiers whom the Japanese cannot afford to withdraw."

There have been no lack of "incidents" between the Japanese and Russian forces, he said, and cited some 2,700 minor cases of friction since 1932, with two major battles on the frontiers, in both of which the Japanese were "decisively defeated." He spoke of the Japanese fear of the Red Navy and Red Air Force as well, and the underground airdromes at Vladivostok from which terrible destruction could be unleashed against Japanese cities.

Rep. Mansfield said he felt certain Japan and the U.S.S.R. "are going to war."

Mansfield's speech followed by a day a surprise press conference held by Admiral of the Fleet Chester W. Nimitz who lunched with the President today. It was noted that Gen. Joseph Stilwell, Admiral William F. Halsey, Lieut. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, chief of staff of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, Ambassador to China, all were in Washington. At the same time dispatches revealed that Japanese Premier Kuniaki Koiso warned his country that the U.S. soon may invade Japan.

Soviets Take Big Pomerania Rail Junction

LONDON, March 9 (UP).—The big railroad junction of Stolp, 63 miles west of Danzig and last big German-held Pomeranian town east of the Oder, was captured by the Soviets today in the course of their battering attacks on a 300-mile front.

The Soviets also seized Schlawa rail junction and the small port of Ruegenwalde to shatter the western end of the German line before Danzig, Moscow revealed. More than 200 other localities fell. Both Danzig and Stettin blazed from Soviet artillery and aerial bombardment and remnants of the German navy joining in the defense of the vital Baltic ports were blasted along with shore installations.

German broadcasts spoke of a roaring house to house battle inside Kuestrin, in admitting the Soviets had driven through the suburb of Warnick on the east bank of the Oder and smashed into the west bank districts of Gorgast and Kietz.

While official Moscow clamped a news blackout on the Oder-Niesse sectors held by the armies of Marshals Gregory K. Zhukov and Ivan S. Konev, Soviet dispatches said the whole line of the rivers "is aflame, with the second phase of the decisive winter offensive in full swing."

The whole German Baltic front east of the Oder was crumbling under the blows of troops on Zhukov's right flank and the Second White Russian Army com-

manded by Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky.

A dispatch to the Soviet newspaper, Pravda, said Soviet bombers in "round-the-clock attacks were joining with massed artillery in pulverizing the river crossings in the Stettin area, jammed with broken-up German columns trying to escape through Stettin.

Cossack cavalry sweeping the east bank of the estuary rounded up 8,000 Germans who had not been able to find passage. They also collected 2,000 carloads of equipment and scores of locomotives.

Stalin described Stolp, a city of 45,000, as "an important center of railways and highways and a powerful bastion of the German defense in Pomerania" in an order of the day hailing troops under 12 generals and ordering a 224-gun salute in Moscow's Red Square.

British Shelter Ousted Premier of Romania

By JOHN GIBBONS
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, March 9.—Gen. Nicolai Radescu, deposed Romanian premier, has taken shelter in the residence of the British representative in Bucharest, according to a Tass report featured by all Soviet newspapers today.

According to the report, Romanian government circles are astonished that Radescu, who in any case is not being sought by Romanian authorities, should be given sanctuary by a British representative.

[A British Foreign Office commentator in London said yesterday: "Gen. Radescu felt his life was endangered and applied to us. We considered his appeal justified and he was allowed into the building of the British Legation. We have informed the Russian and American governments and the Allied Control Commission in Romania."]

Ouster of Radescu thwarted his attempts to emulate the German generals' putsch of 1920, declared K. Hoffman, Soviet commentator.

The unsuccessful Berlin putsch was headed by General Ludendorff and other reactionary German generals, recalled Hoffman, in illustrating the similarity between the Kapp uprising and Radescu's plot.

Romanian events again demonstrated that tardiness in carrying out armistice terms cannot be tolerated any longer, the Soviet analyst said, and the purging of fascists must be carried out with speed.

Murray, Hillman, Thomas at Garden Monday

Negro Rights Defended in Texas Senate, 'Supremacists' Rebuffed

By Federated Press

AUSTIN, Texas, March 9.—The struggle against efforts to restore white political supremacy met a sharp rebuff here when the State Senate voted to re-refer the Weaver Moore bill to disfranchise Negro voters to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

For the first time in 50 years in a Southern Legislature the rights of the Negro to vote were defended when Sen. J. Franklin Spears of San Antonio made the motion for re-referral.

Moore's bill, extending far beyond the issue of "White Supremacy" would in effect wipe out the whole primary system for whites also and put selection of state candidates in the hands of a clique of reactionary Democrats who were ousted from party control last fall.

Senator Moore's measure, the inspiration for which is generally credited to "Pappy" O'Daniel and the Texas Regulars, would wipe from the statutes all reference to political parties, primaries or conventions and would attempt to circumvent last year's U. S. Supreme Court decision that Negroes can vote in the Texas primaries.

Sen. J. Franklin Spears of San Antonio won approval without dissent on his motion for re-referral and for the first time in 50 years in a Southern Legislature the rights of the Negro to vote were defended.

CORRUPT SYSTEM

Sen. Spears, who has just returned from overseas duty as a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army, said the Moore bill would repeal all statutes governing political parties and party primaries, eliminating all safeguards against fraudulent elections and driving the Democratic Party back to "a rotten, contemptible and corrupt convention system."

Hitting at the bill's implied attempt to disfranchise the Negro, Spears said:

"I don't mind stating publicly that I have no objection to the Negro voting. The Supreme Court has upheld him in that right. If he votes and we let him, the votes will be counted under the statutes

of Texas. They won't be counted properly under Senator Moore's system. The groups in control of the convention, whether state, county or precinct, will decide who votes, and how those votes shall be counted."

Scoring the maneuver which pushed the bill through an unannounced committee hearing recently and defending the right of the State Democratic Executive Committee on record as opposed to it to be heard on it, Spears reminded the body:

"It has been the policy of this Senate to give a bill a hearing and a hearing was asked for as far back as February. Bear in mind that few members of the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence really knew how far the bill went or what it did because they had not studied it. The Democratic Executive Committee is the legal organization representing the majority of the people of this state. Let them be heard!"

CLOSED DOORS

The Senate committee on civil jurisprudence, apparently fearing to permit white and black witnesses, and working behind closed doors, quietly slipped the bill out last week with a recommendation for Senate passage.

Kenneth Lamkin of Austin, leading Negro lawyer and president of the Travis County Voters, declared:

"SB 165 represents another attempt to infringe upon the fundamental rights of the Negro citizen of Texas and he will not take it lying down!"

Mr. Woodville Rogers, in a written analysis sent to every member of the Democratic State Executive Committee, writes:

"The bill is a mass murder of 50 years of experience and labor in the effort to secure fair and honest elections and in the effort to preserve the right and privilege of the people to vote. . . . The bill will destroy party organization in Texas. The bill will go further to fan the flame of racial hatred in Texas than anything that has been done or said within the last 50 years."

News Capsules

Wife Proud of Rhine Hero

MRS. DORIS BURROWS has personal reasons for being thrilled over Americans crossing the Rhine. Her husband, Lt. Emmet J. Burrows, is reported to be the first American who landed on the east shore. At her home at 2917 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Mrs. Burrows said Lt. Burrows' feat is not his only "first." He is known in Jersey City as the first man to answer the call of the colors in that city in this war. His father, James F. Burrows said you could strike a match on his neck, he was so proud.

"The Polish government-in-exile in London is heir to all the doctrines and policies of the pre-1939 Polish government," IGNACE ZLOTOWSKI, professor in the electrical engineering department at Ohio State University, told a rally of 600 Poles in Cleveland. The principles laid down by the Yalta conference, said Zlotowski, were the best foundation for a democratic and independent Poland. The meeting which was sponsored by the Polonia Society of the IWO, collected \$1,000 for Polish relief.

The TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION, CIO, in Philadelphia, warmly endorsed the proposal that Philadelphia be made the permanent home of the United Nations Council that will be set up at San Francisco. The site of the Declaration of Independence is the logical place, the TWU said.

Jammed Brooklyn Rally Backs Oaks Proposals

Citizens of Brooklyn's Kings Highway area turned out Thursday night for the biggest meeting the community has seen in 20 years to insist that America join the world security organization to be formed at San Francisco next month.

Some 1,300 people crammed into Aperia Manor on Kings Highway, and other hundreds had to be turned away by the 2d A.D., American Labor Party, sponsors of this Town Meeting on "How Can World Peace Be Maintained."

Prof. Frederic Ewen of Brooklyn College, the moderator, declared: "What we do and ask our representatives to do in the next few weeks will determine the future of the whole world."

Douglas MacMahon, president of the CIO Transport Workers, explained labor's special interest in the peaceful world projected at Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta, a world of jobs, security and high living standards. He spoke of the responsibility world labor had shown at the London trade union conference and of labor's expected participation at the San Francisco conference.

Some doubts about the Dumbarton Oaks plan were expressed by John A. Zellers, Republican and vice-president of Remington Rand Co., who admitted he had no "better suggestion" and said he was "willing to be convinced." However, once Congress accepts the world security plan, Zellers said, as far as he was concerned, the "deal" would be "closed."

Disagreeing with Zeller's "perfectionism," L. G. Holliday, British vice-consul, said that any organization, "however imperfect, on which all peace-loving countries will agree and be prepared to make effective, is better than any scheme, however perfect on paper, on which they will not agree."

Holliday said that the problem is not "just preparation to limit aggression, but of constantly stifling the forces of aggression at birth."

He urged study of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, copies of which were distributed free to the audience by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 45 E. 65 St.

Connecticut Prison Riot Kills Guard

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., March 9 (UP).—A guard was killed and a prisoner was wounded today in a riot at the state prison machine shop which was quelled when the shop was flooded with tear gas. Herbert O. Parsell, the guard, died from a blow on the head with a heavy wrench.

CIO Unions Call Members for Garden Rally

New York CIO unions are preparing to make Monday night's Madison Square Garden a rousing reception to delegates returning from the London World Trade Union Conference.

The Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers expects to have no less than 5,000 members of its affiliated locals present to welcome Sidney Hillman, ACW president, and the other rally speakers, Louis Hollander, joint board president, said yesterday. In addition, the Laundry Joint Board of the ACW expects that hundreds of its members will attend.



HOLLANDER

Local 1 of the United Office & Professional Workers claims the distinction of selling more tickets for the rally so far than other single local. Their record to date is 800 with requests for tickets still coming in, it was said.

FURRIERS ACTIVE

The Furriers Joint Council expects that several thousand of its members will be in the stands to hear the returning delegates, CIO President Philip Murray, Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko and other speakers. The Council has made three leaflet distributions in the fur market advertising the rally and will make a final distribution Monday. Stewards have been active in the shops selling tickets and many shops have arranged to in a body.

Indications are that United Transformer Co., Electronics Corp. of America and Federal Manufacturing Co. workers will turn out 100 percent for the rally, Local 430 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers said. Close to a thousand from the local have already bought tickets, Al Stearn, business agent, added.

Joseph Malfetta, business agent of the UE local at Fairchild Aerial Camera, said the local had not been able to obtain enough tickets to supply its needs.

Defend Nisei in Massachusetts

Special to the Daily Worker

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 9.—The Springfield League of Women Voters is calling for the relocation of Japanese families in this area in answer to the recent attacks made by the Central Labor Union on patriotic Japanese-Americans.

An ugly incident occurred here last week when the AFL body opposed a plan to make this city a center for resettling Japanese-Americans from the far West. As a result five Nisei women working here decided to leave the area.

Meanwhile Mayor J. Albin Anderson, Jr., has asked Lowell Thomas, radio commentator, to correct "misstatements" that the plan is a failure because of the incident.

In a letter to Thomas, the Mayor said, "Springfield is no Utopia with respect to racial and re-buffed to have you cite an example of a community which has a better program or which has made greater strides toward reaching that goal."

An editorial in the Springfield Union March 7 censured the unions for the attack on Japanese-Americans, pointing out that they are "entitled to the same consideration, to the same rights under the Constitution, as any other minority group."

CPA National Committee Will Convene Here Today

Earl Browder will deliver the opening report to a meeting of the Communist Political Association national committee which convenes here today, according to a CPA statement issued yesterday. The statement said:

"The National Committee of the Communist Political Association is meeting in New York this weekend, starting today. The opening report, given by its president, Earl Browder, will deal with The Significance of the Crimea Conference to America and Consolidation of National Unity.

"In recognition of the special problems of the railroads in serving the war, there are no invited guests and in some states where there is more than one member, not even all the National Committee members are attending, so as to comply with the ODT regulation of no meeting exceeding 50 people.

"This is the first meeting of the National Committee since it was elected at the Constituent Convention of the CPA in May 1944."

Our Up-to-Date Senator Lodge

AN EDITORIAL

WE WERE told that Sen. Vandenberg was a changed man, the envoy extraordinary of the former isolationists to the administration camp. We were told this by many who should have known better, including some of our leading liberal newspapers. And when we suggested that Vandenberg was still Vandenberg, we were considered unduly suspicious, if not slightly mad.

Well, the evidence is now in. We know where Vandenberg stands.

When Vandenberg attacks the decisions of Yalta on the creation of a new, democratic Poland, he is doing more than making an early bid for campaign support of a few powerful and reactionary men in the Polish-American community.

Vandenberg considers it "curious" that the

Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States should work together in setting up a truly democratic Polish government. But this cooperation on difficult political issues is the very heart of the Crimea Charter. And it is this which Vandenberg is attacking.

The adroit Michigan Senator states that all political decisions made during the war should be conditional, subject to review at the peace conference. What does this mean if not that the grand alliance itself should be conditional and subject to review?

Vandenberg never liked the Soviet Union much. Long before the war he followed the fatal course of opposing friendship and close association with our great ally. There has been no change in Vandenberg. He follows the same course today in every speech, in every statement.

What a position for a man who is one of the eight American delegates to the historic San Francisco conference! And what a con-

trast with the clear-cut nonpartisan support of our foreign policy given by Lieut. Comdr. Harold Stassen.

Of course, Vandenberg does not speak with the crude violence of a Gerald L. K. Smith or a Burt Wheeler. He is too smart for that.

It is his special job to be the Trojan horse of the opponents of international cooperation, a decoy in the ranks of those who desire a lasting accord with our allies.

It is his job to reawaken among the millions of conservative men and women who support the President's foreign policy lingering fears of the Soviet Union, of the vigorous democratic currents sweeping Europe.

It is his job to shatter the almost universal confidence of the American people in the Crimea Charter.

We consider Arthur H. Vandenberg one of the most dangerous men in America today, the leading candidate for our up-to-date Sen. Lodge of 1945.

Union Lookout

- De Lorenzo May Find Out
- While the Sandhogs Toiled . .

by Dorothy Loeb



When Tom DeLorenzo led a strike at the Brewster Aeronautical Co. before its contracts were cancelled, he made the comment: "If I had brothers at the front who needed 10 or 12 planes that were sacrificed, I'd let them die if necessary. . . ." Now the one-time United Auto Workers leaders have been classified 1-A and has passed his pre-induction physical. It seems certain he's army-bound. To speed him into uniform, Judge Alfred C. Cox released \$2,000 in bail he had put up pending appeal of a 30-day jail sentence, imposed for making false statements to the U. S. Civil Service Commission. It'll be interesting to see whether DeLorenzo's military career ever puts him in a situation where he shares GI interest in uninterrupted production.

As the Joe Fay-James Bove trial continues, it develops angles that make your blood curdle. There seems little doubt now that like Willie Bloff, the movie AFL czar who went up the river, these two bureaucrats intend to try to show that they didn't extort money from contractors as charged; rather, they just made a business deal to cut the pay and conditions of union members they were supposed to represent. That isn't a crime. In fact, it's a misdemeanor under the law for a contractor to give such a bribe. It sounds sort of perfunctory in the courts as the defense lawyers try to get this point across cross-examining witnesses. But it comes to life when you recall that the sandhogs and other workers double-crossed in this proposition, however it was worked, toiled 500 feet under ground, often risking their lives, subject to attacks of the bends and other industrial hazards. And while they built tunnels, Fay, vice-president of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and Bove, vice-president of the Hod Carriers, negotiated one way or another with construction bosses for amounts running roughly to one percent of all contracts. And don't forget, Fay and Bove are the type of AFL officials who don't want to see American collaboration with the Soviet trade unions because the Soviet labor bodies are "not democratic enough" for them.

A vicious attack on the CIO and its PAC, made by LaMar Bailey, national first vice-commander of the American Veterans of World War II (Amvets), has been repudiated by Elmo Keel, national commander of the organization. Keel said Bailey was only expressing his personal views. Amvets is not opposed to labor, he added. Charles G. Bolte, chairman of the liberal American Veterans Committee, also representing vets of this war, denounced Bailey's statement. . . . A conference of educational directors of CIO national and international unions will be held at national CIO offices in Washington over this week-end. . . . Joseph Froesch, president of the CIO Federation of Glass, Ceramic and Silica Workers, has been reelected for another term. Ralph Reiser, second vice-president, was also named director of organizing, a new post.

After two years of negotiations, a contract has finally been signed between Remington Rand, Inc., (Elmira, N. Y.) and Local 826, AFL International Association of Machinists. Payment of retroactive wages for August, 1942, and a guarantee of jobs in the postwar are provided. . . . Louis Hollander, president of the New York State CIO, and James C. Quinn, secretary of the New York City AFL Central Trades and Labor Council, have been elected to the Red Cross Board of Directors in Brooklyn. . . . A new constitution guaranteeing labor's rights to organize and bargain collectively and giving communities the right to establish inter-racial schools passed by a huge margin in a special Missouri election Feb. 27. It goes into effect in 30 days.

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GIs Assigned to Goodyear Plant Learn How a Union Can Help Them

Special to the Daily Worker

AKRON, O., March 9.—Uniformed soldiers assigned to the Goodyear Rubber Co. to speed vital rubber supplies to the armed services overseas have learned from their own experience the value of unions.

The CIO United Rubber Workers local took up their grievances and got them settled through regular procedure.

The more than 200 GIs are assigned like civilians except that they wear uniforms and report

regularly to army officers on duty there to guarantee good working relationships.

They got together with the union through difficulties over wage rates. Hired at \$1.10 an hour, some were told after four weeks that their "learning rate" for the breaking-in period was 75 percent of the piecework rate. That was the first they'd heard of piecework or of breaking-in.

Capt. Gish, notified of their complaints, talked to L. J. Curtis, chairman of the engineering division of Local 2, and to L. A. Hall,

acting chairman of the union's grievance committee at Goodyear.

Result: Reinstatement of the \$1.10 an hour rate retroactive to the date the soldiers were hired, and a five-cent merit raise increase over the \$1.10 rate.

Later 57 happy GIs were hosts to the union grievance committee at an informal celebration. Unions are pretty much all right, the soldiers said.

Hall and Curtis are old-timers at Goodyear. Hall helped organize the shop, and participated in its long, tough strike.

Detroit CIO Asks Gov't Seize Mines, Prevent Lewis Strike

By HARRY FAINARU

DETROIT, March 9.—Holding that John L. Lewis' strike threat constitutes a national emergency, the Detroit CIO Council has called for immediate government seizure of the industry. The demand is part of a comprehensive resolution

Lewis Gannett Hits Manpower Stand by Milton Murray

Lewis Gannett, Herald Tribune writer, takes sharp issue with Milton Murray, American Newspaper Guild president, on the issue of national service legislation, in the current issue of The Guild Reporter, Guild paper.

Gannett, just returned from overseas service as war correspondent, champions the principle of "work or fight" for civilians and asserts that in his opinion labor opponents to such legislation are "giving themselves a black eye."

Murray, a Washington correspondent for PM, used his post as correspondent to denounce the May-Bailey bill, sought to promote a left-right split in CIO by claiming to find City CIO spokesmen for the bill, then ran to the Guild GEB for cover when CIO leaders denounced his self-claimed "expose" as a lie. Later, he used his post as Guild president to devote a major section of the Guild Reporter to defend his position as reporter and his position against national service legislation, denouncing those in CIO who favored the bill as "treacherous" and attacking The Daily Worker, which supported the proposed law, while recognizing that it needed improvement.

GANNETT WROTE:

"What's going on anyway? I come home from the wars, pick up my Guild Reporter and it looks early 1941 all over again, with a difference."

"I like Milton Murray's vigorous defense of his reporter's rights, as much as I hate political camouflage; I don't like people who take one attitude in public and another in private."

"GIs who have been drafted and seen other draftees killed aren't much upset at the idea that people of their own age who aren't living in foxholes and aren't meeting enemy fire might be shoved around a bit."

"Maybe the May bill needs amendments in detail. But what's wrong with the principle 'work or fight'? Labor and the CIO and the Newspaper Guild, I fear, are giving themselves a black eye by letting themselves be finagled into seeming to oppose it."

Steel Pact Tops All: CIO Chief

The contract just signed with the U. S. Steel Co., by the CIO United Steel Workers is hailed by CIO President Philip Murray as "the best collective bargaining agreement ever perfected anywhere, anytime in the United States."

Murray's comment is published in the current issue of Steel Labor, organ of the steel union of which Murray is also president.

"It is our avowed purpose to continue the leadership in that fight and carry it as far as it can be carried," he writes. "I have personally presented to the President of the United States your (the steel workers') point of view on why a general wage increase must be granted and the Little Steel formula changed. The leaders of your union pledge you to continue this fight."

"The day-to-day problems in the plants will likely always be with us," comments the editorial.

"But great strides have been taken to speed up the handling of them and to eliminate the major grievance—wage inequalities. Specified time limits are set for each step of the grievance machinery. There is also provided a permanent Board of Arbitration to which a grievance may be submitted by the International Union and the company at any time. This is truly a momentous achievement."

on wages and the War Labor Board which expresses support for miners' demands but asserts that they can be won without interrupting war production.

The declaration, which closely parallels decisions of the recent CIO Shop Steward Conference in New York City, asserts:

• Gains won by the United Steelworkers and the War Labor Board award in General Motors show the way to other unions to solve many of their grievances and confirm the correctness of CIO policy and the leadership of CIO President Philip Murray.

• These decisions must lead to a stronger fight to improve the functioning of the WLB and to remove such restrictions upon its authority as have been made especially by Fred E. Vinson (retiring Economic Stabilization Director).

SCORE VINSON

• The Council demands immediate action by the government to repeal Vinson's order depriving the board of authority to act on fringe issues and protests the report of public and industry members on the cost of living and wages.

[Vinson has since taken some partial steps in this direction.]

President Roosevelt is urged to reject the report and to adjust the Little Steel formula to bring wages in line with living costs.

• The end of the war in Europe will necessitate development of WLB policies to provide for transition to peace time economy. The Council urges immediate preparation of such a program.

• The provocation of some employers, the introduction of so-called anti-strike legislation in the state legislature, the violation of CIO policies in Dodge and Briggs strikes and refusal of some elements in these strikes to cooperate with United Auto Workers national officers in upholding the pledge and John L. Lewis' strike threats "are all evidence of a conspiracy to smash the no-strike pledge, split the CIO and prevent labor from supporting the President's appeal to insure the success of the United Nations conference in San Francisco."

• The Council calls on CIO unions to back CIO no-strike policy and urges Briggs workers to return to their jobs so that production can resume and grievances be settled.

• The Council expresses "support for the demands of the miners and calls upon them to repudiate Lewis' strike threat thus protecting the war effort and the fight to win their demands." The threat constitutes a "national emergency" and the Council urges the government "to take immediate steps to prevent a disaster stoppage of coal production by taking over the industry until this danger is ended."

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Crossing the Rhine

THE crossing of the Rhine by our First Army signalizes the end of the battles for the Siegfried Line and opens the way to a new phase of the fighting—in the heart of Germany proper, with possibilities of completely disintegrating its fighting power. Taken together with the Soviet operations in clearing the Baltic shore to Stettin, and the reports of a heavy offensive across the Oder River, the vise of two-front warfare is inexorably gripping the twisting, squirming, savage Nazi beast. It is idle to speculate on how quickly Nazi resistance can be quelled entirely. But the "one more heave" of which Churchill spoke earlier in the week is already on the order of the day.

The Rhine crossing shows that our own army leaders are perfectly capable of taking advantage of their opportunities; the day of elaborate "build-ups" and long delays seems to be over. The Nazis do not have the strength to keep the Rhine as a barrier behind which they had hoped to regroup their forces. In fact, the chief feature of the operations from one end of the Rhine to the other was the inability of the Nazis to withstand our superior firepower, the numbers of our infantry, the weight of our air force. They were compelled to withdraw—fighting, of course, but nevertheless withdrawing. And they were compelled to give up in the thousands, thereby further reducing their available strength for the final phases of the battle.

Another significant feature of the operations on the west bank is the growing uselessness of Hitler's Volksturm. The pictures of thousands of civilians in the Rhine towns watching our entry, and the surrender of these civilians shows that the fight has been taken out of them. Here and there, fanatical snipers continue to harass our armies, but no real peoples' resistance has taken place. Of course, no open counter-resistance to Hitlerism has developed either. The Germans in the Rhineland are not fighting actively for Hitler any better than the Wehrmacht itself; but neither are they fighting against him.

In such a situation, everything depends on how quickly our High Command will follow up its opportunities, for that will in turn accelerate all the tendencies toward disintegration in the German armies. Fierce fighting remains, and above all—heavy sacrifices. But the end is measurably nearer, as Goebbels himself admits when he says the climax of the war is past, and predicts a sudden end.

Williams' Confirmation

WITHIN the next few days the Senate is scheduled to act on the confirmation of Aubrey Williams as Rural Electrification Administrator.

The attack by Senate reactionaries on the President's appointee has been of a vicious, un-American character. His religious views, for instance, have become a major target, in a deliberate effort to exploit religious differences to line up votes against him.

Behind the fight on Williams' confirmation is, of course, the fight on the President's program of postwar economic expansion and welfare. Rural electrification is not an unimportant aspect of that program. Not only does it aid in developing the productivity and improving the living conditions of the small farmer, but it also helps to widen the market for electrical equipment.

Because Williams backs the President in his objectives and would gear the work of the REA accordingly, the Roosevelt-haters are out to block his appointment. The fact that they were balked in their efforts to "get" Wallace makes them all the more determined to succeed this time.

It is significant and symbolic that Sen. Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee, arch-foe of TVA, initiated the fight against Williams. Literally and figuratively, these men would like to keep us in the dark, to black out social progress through government aid and stimulation of business.

The issue of the Williams confirmation is, then, for or against the administration's perspective of full employment and social advance. The people should see to it that FDR's hand is upheld by demanding of their Senators that they vote for Williams.



Between the Lines

Queries and Congratulations

by Joseph Starobin

THOSE mysterious "authoritative sources" in London and Ankara have been suggesting to some American correspondents that the governmental crisis in Romania ought to be a "test" of the Crimea decisions. These same sources mistakenly declare that the overthrow of Radescu is leading to a "Soviet Romania," and therefore deserves the attention of the Big Three.

There is a connection between the events in Romania and the Yalta charter, but it's not what these correspondents mean. The fact is that the failure to root out the fascists in Romania and Italy, along with the suspended, slow-motion crisis in France are all proof that the Crimea decisions will demand a persistent and complicated struggle by the democratic forces of every European country in order to have them realized in life.

Crimea expressed the unity of the Big Three; it established principles; it gave solutions for Poland; it offered a mechanism for future issues. But it did not of itself bring about the eradication of fascist vestiges in Europe by a long shot. That will require the driving force of the democratic groupings in the liberated countries.

Immense struggles, therefore, are in the offing. In some countries they will remain on the electoral plane—as in Finland on March 17. In others, like Romania and Italy, demonstrations and even cabinet crisis will be experienced. In Greece, the fulfillment of the Varkiza pact between the EAM and the Plastiras government is involving all kinds of critical situations, almost daily.

Our perspective is that all these issues are "solvable" within the Big Three framework and will not rupture that framework. But the job of cleansing the Augean stables in Europe remains and it is a very big one. Let no one think otherwise.

Security Council Voting Procedure

A devoted reader asks me to explain what the voting procedure in the Security Council of

the proposed world organization means.

Actually, the whole thing is a legalistic device. If the great powers are plotting to make war against each other, then the world organization could not function anyway. If any partners in the existing coalition wanted to gang up on each other, voting details would not stop them; on the other hand, if things ever came to such a pass, that great power would defend itself by more than mere voting technicalities.

This is the heart of the matter. People who criticize the device are either opposed to the leadership of the Big Five, or else are looking for technicalities to express their desire for a future war among the Big Five.

If this doesn't answer the question, look at it another way: suppose one of the big Five is accused of aggression by a small or a great power. In all the initial stages of the dispute, the accused power can't vote. She will be investigated, warned, pilloried before world opinion, etc., but she can't vote on her own behalf.

Only when matters deteriorate to a point where the other powers are actually considering war against her, can she veto that action. But what would this mean in practice? If the other powers are determined to make war, the voting will hardly matter; and the power who is accused will not wait for votes to defend herself.

The only real value of the device, therefore, is to prevent the misuse of the world organization for the purpose of breaking up the unity of the Big Five. But if we are postulating a world organization in which the Big Five become fundamentally antagonistic, we might just as well for-

get the whole project, anyway. Continuous agreement is therefore compulsory to make the security organization work.

British Policy in Burma

Our British allies, say the headlines, have made a sensational advance in central Burma, and Mandalay itself may soon fall. That is great news. But I have just been reading an excellent pamphlet by A. S. Chari, about Burma—published in London—and my first query is what British policy toward Burma's independence is going to be. So far, we have nothing on this very important issue. You must remember that the Japanese recognized the "independence" of both Burma and the Philippines. The United States realized that it could not liberate the Philippines without at the same time acknowledging their independence, and that will be formally done by July 4, 1946—if not much earlier. Will the British government do likewise for Burma?

I. F. Stone Does a Job

I have often in this column thrown a snow-ball or two at the jaunty hat of I. F. Stone, Washington correspondent for The Nation who also does his chores for PM. In all fairness, I'd like to doff my own hat to Mr. Stone for his excellent article in last week's Nation discussing the War Department's new attitude toward American Communists. So far as I know, Mr. Stone was the only liberal journalist who found this event newsworthy. And his Nation piece soberly assessed the importance of the War Department's change for American liberals and the whole future of American democracy. Hats off.

Worth Repeating

STARS AND STRIPES, the paper for the fighting forces in England, recently ran a drawing of Marshal Stalin hammering down a strength-tester, with this statement: The Stars and Stripes staff is laying aside its cigar rations until the day Marshal Stalin rings the bell at the top of this strength-tester—the day Soviet troops enter Berlin. We'll send him the cigars, or, if he prefers, pipe and tobacco.

In fact, the Russian leader can name his own brand. Two pipe-smoking members of the staff are hoarding their supplies for the day that gong rings.

GREAT WORDS for Great Deeds is the title put over certain words of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, in the current (March) issue of the Red Book Magazine, among them the following: I would say that any one who tries to break up the team spirit of the Allies is definitely helping the enemy.

Today's Guest Column

THERE will probably be 44 nations represented at the San Francisco conference when it opens on April 25. Of these 39 will fall into the category of small or intermediate nations. Only three, the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union, will be powerful nations from both a military and industrial point of view. France and China, which along with the Big Three will compose the permanent membership of the Security Council of the new world organization, are potentially powerful. Neither is in a position to carry a heavy war or postwar responsibility at the present moment.



by Frederick V. Field

now envisaged. I have before me a large mimeographed volume prepared by the Pan-American Union for use at the Mexico City Inter-American Conference of which no less than 115 pages are devoted to suggested alterations in the Dumbarton Oaks scheme, presented by Latin American nations.

The Netherlands government has made other proposals for amending Dumbarton Oaks and it is well-known that the British Dominions, particularly Canada, have a number of reservations on the present plan. These Dominion governments will, in fact, meet prior to April 25 presumably for the purpose of exchanging views on the attitude to be taken at the San Francisco conference. The picture is not simplified by the fact that France, in refusing to join the Big Three and China as sponsor of the San Francisco conference, has made it evident that it is not completely satisfied with the draft proposals.

UNDER these circumstances it is no wonder that the State Department which is handling the arrangements for San Francisco is making plans for the conference to last a minimum of eight or nine weeks and even to be prolonged well into the summer. This is all to the good for it will be important to give full and democratic consideration to all of the scores of proposals which already

Realistic Program Will Be Offered at San Francisco

have been made and to the many others which have still to be advanced. The paramount objective of the conference must be the soundness and realism of the final plan and its wholehearted acceptance by all the United Nations. Lengthy discussions and a genuinely democratic procedure are therefore essential.

THE genius of the Dumbarton Oaks and Crimea proposals is that they are based upon the relationship of forces which actually exists today and not upon some utopian relationship which, much as we may wish, does not exist today. We shall emerge from the war with only three powers actually in a position to enforce the peace and maintain security. On these clearly must rest the major responsibility. There will be a considerable number of middle nations, such as Canada, Australia and Brazil capable of assisting the Big Three in fulfilling those tasks which require military or economic strength.

But there will also be a large number of nations either too small, too sparsely endowed with resources, or too undeveloped to carry much weight in the enforcement of security. The present plans call for giving them juridical equality with the powerful nations but leaving to the latter the political authority which must go with responsibility for enforcement. Within such a framework there is much room for the negotiation of details. The key to the success of the San Francisco conference, however, is to keep within that realistic framework.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

USSR Week
In Worcester

Worcester, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Under the auspices of Station WTAG, the week of Feb. 25 was called "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Week" in Worcester. It was part of a "Worcester and the World" project inaugurated by the station.

In his proclamation, Mayor William A. Bennett said in part: "The program calls for flying the hammer and sickle from our City Hall standard. Its very presence marks our city as world-conscious and free-thinking. We may take pride in that flag too as it is the standard held high by the victorious Red Army. How much of our sons' blood has been saved by the determined battle-willed Soviet forces who refused to yield or bow in defeat! Today we cheer the Red Army as it forges ahead to the Allied objective. When the ultimate goal, peace, is secured, God grant that there exists the same mutual purpose and understanding. This week the people of Worcester, Massachusetts, lead the way."

V. T.

False Views
In Textile Dyer

Bronx.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is my misfortune that I must receive in my house such a newspaper as The Textile Dyer. But I can't help it. I receive it because I am a member of the Textile Workers Local 1790 and the local buys this Social Democratic rag for all of its members.

In its March 1 issue, this sheet runs an article headed "Commies Sabotage Labor Front Opposing Forced Work Service." This article misrepresents the Communist position, and doesn't let the union members see how necessary the National Service proposal for labor was for national morale and for the future unity of worker and soldier. The article goes so far as to attack the progressive Rep. Vito Marcantonio for favoring limited National Service. I am shocked and surprised to see this attitude on the part of The Textile Dyer, which takes in the northeastern section of the country. I hope we will find some way to counteract its poison.

GEORGE L.

Standing Room Only
Bridgeport, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Standing Room Only signs were up at the Klein Memorial Hall, the Bridgeport Sunday Herald says, when Bridgeport paid tribute to the Red Army on the eve of its 27th anniversary. The celebration, arranged by Russian War Relief, had as its guest of honor the young Red Baltic Fleet Commander, Major Constantine Sergeyev.

Sulfadiazene tablets, valued at close to \$500, were presented to him for the Red Army by a number of participating organizations.

Leith Danenberg, publisher of the Bridgeport Sunday Herald and chairman of Russian War Relief Committee during the past year, said that 60,000 pounds of good, used clothing were collected during the September campaign.

JOHN RICH.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Views On Labor News

DAVID DUBINSKY, addressing a meeting of the Cloak and Suit Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union last Monday, gave vent, as usual, to his red-baiting temper. The occasion was delivery of a sizeable sum of money, a day's pay from each cloak worker, to the union's collection for various causes.



This column has often called attention to the large part of this fund that is allotted for the Social Democratic "underground" and in support of the large number of emigre Social Democratic leaders of Europe and their little anti-Soviet slander sheets here.

We have suggested that Dubinsky has no right to assume that all those who belong to his union want their hard-earned dollars to support discredited elements whose only purpose in life, it seems, is to snipe at the Soviet Union, Communists, and now against the Crimea decisions.

Dubinsky, with more spitefulness than thought, shouted to the cloakmakers that their money would go to the "underground" anyway. He compared our objections to his playing rich uncle to the "underground," to Westbrook Pegler's. It is doubtful if cloak workers, the majority of whom have gone through the mill of political experience, will take this insulting nonsense seriously.

Pegler sniped at Dubinsky, alleging that he was like some notorious racketeer dictators

by George Morris

in labor ranks who pump money out of the membership and dish it out to their heart's content. Now we admit that Dubinsky's policies and methods have much in common with those of a Joe Ryan, John L. Lewis, Joseph Moersch and that whole collection among his pals in the AFL leadership. Like Dubinsky, they, too, shout "free trade unions" and denounce "totalitarian" Soviet unions. They, like Dubinsky, also perpetuate themselves in office for life or by stretching election terms. Like Dubinsky now in the Arnold Ames case, they, too, have to appear in courts frequently to answer rank and file suits.

BUT we never found fault with the idea of donating funds to aid labor in other lands—not if the funds are actually used for that purpose.

What kind of "underground" is Dubinsky going to aid now? Doesn't he know that outside of that fast shrinking circle of Nazi-occupied lands there is just one underground—the Fascist underground? Throughout the Balkans, Poland, Baltics, Finland, France, liberated Italy and Belgium, the underground is on top. Its leaders are in top government posts. Its organizations occupy the most prominently located buildings and run some of the leading newspapers.

There cannot be any undergrounds in those lands other than enemy undergrounds—the movements that Himmler is reported forming for Hitler's postwar resistance plan. Any friends of Dubinsky in Europe who still choose

What Kind of 'Underground' Is Dubinsky Helping Now?

to stay underground must be the kind of people who cannot stand the sunlight of a liberated land. That kind of people will inevitably find itself in the same bed with Himmler's underground.

Our two earlier columns have thrown light on the way the Social Democrats here see things. Their conclusion that the Soviet Union is the world's "great danger," that the objective must be to incite U. S. policy toward a "quarrel" with the Soviet Union, is certainly ground for more than suspicion on what kind of "underground" Dubinsky means. The essential object of that kind of underground differs little from Himmler's underground.

JUST to pose a few practical questions: will Dubinsky give money to the Finnish trade union movement, now that its leaders are friendly to the Soviet Union, as he donated money to Finnish Social Democrats when they fought the Soviet Union? Or will he send it to pro-Nazi Social Democrat Valno Tanner? Will he send money to the Polish labor movement, now that it is above ground as he gave thousands of dollars to the discredited exiles in London? Will the Italian Socialists get any of it despite their refusal to split with Communists? Is Mikhailovitch of Yugoslavia one of his "underground"?

ILGWU members ought to demand an open and above-board accounting of where their money for international solidarity purposes goes. There isn't much that is any longer legitimately underground and is presumably to be treated in secrecy. Dubinsky's old phony excuse doesn't apply any more.

Facts for Victory

VITAL statistics on American capitalism in wartime and its postwar potentials are contained in the latest issue of the Survey of Current Business issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Here are a few of its outstanding figures, supplementing or revising those we have given previously in this column.

The production volume of 1944, says the Department of Commerce review, offers "a striking contrast to economic conditions in the years immediately preceding the war, at which time the economy regained the production levels of the previous decade but did not utilize the enlarged working population or capitalize fully on the increased efficiency of the following ten years."

The Commerce Department experts agree that these figures foreshadow the huge dimensions of the postwar economy. "It is abundantly clear," they say, "that in facing the economic problems of the future, plans will have to be made and goals set on the basis of the demonstrated capacity of our resources. These goals, in terms of goods and services which can be made available for increasing the well-being of the population can, and must be, far ahead of the prewar volume."

Most significant table in the report is the one showing the relationship of the gross na-

by Labor Research Assn.

tional product to war expenditures. Gross national product is the total value of currently produced goods and services flowing to government, to consumers and for purposes of gross capital formation to business. The rise in this over-all figure, the increase in war expenditures, and the relation of the two are shown below for the last six years:

Year	Gross National Product (in billions of dollars)	War Expenditures (in billions of dollars)	War Exp's as Percent of Gross Nat'l Prod.
1939	88.6	1.4	2
1940	97.1	2.8	3
1941	120.5	13.3	11
1942	151.5	49.5	32
1943	187.8	82.5	44
1944	198.7	86.3	43

THE increased gross national product and the war expenditures were reflected, of course, in the compensation of employees, incomes of farmers, the dividends of stockholders, etc., all these together being called "income payments to individuals." This figure rose in 1944 to an estimated \$156.8 billion, compared with \$143.2 billion the previous year and \$70.8 billion in the prewar year 1939.

These increases in payments to individuals in turn lead to further rises in retail sales so that the total reached an estimated \$69.2 billion in 1944 compared with \$63.7 billion in

Production and Income In Third Year of War

1943 and only \$42.0 billion in 1939. "The year 1944," says the review, "was a profitable one for retailers—in some instances a highly profitable one."

WHILE the dollar value of goods increased, an evaluation of the actual physical volume of goods, as the review puts it, "is difficult under the conditions which prevailed in 1944 since quality shifts, substitutions and upgrading of merchandise were widely prevalent." In other words, the people were forced to buy products which had a higher price (but not necessarily a higher quality) because the customary grades were often missing.

Corporate profits as a whole were also found to be higher than previously reported in this column. The latest estimates indicate that total profits before taxes last year were about \$25 billion. After taxes they came to \$9.9 billion. And it is possible, says the review, that the revised estimates are "still too low." Even so they were more than twice the profits of 1939.

Out of these \$9.9 billion net profits last year the corporations handed out \$4.5 billion in the form of cash dividends and kept in the treasury an even larger amount—\$5.4 billion—to be added to their total accumulated surplus. As the Department of Commerce review concludes, "Undistributed profits . . . have been very high when judged by prewar standards."

Socialists, Communists in Joint Plan for France

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

The Socialist and Communist parties of France have achieved a new level of unity by a joint manifesto on their economic program published simultaneously in *L'Humanite* and *Le Populaire* a week ago Saturday, just

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Albania Tries 53 Traitors

In ALBANIA, 53 persons went on trial for treason and collaboration with Germans and Italian Fascists. The People's Court convened in a large Tirana cinema to permit maximum public attendance. . . . **HET VRIJE VOLK**, organ of the Dutch Socialist People's Press Fund, was the first labor paper to reappear in liberated areas of the Netherlands. . . . Women of the resistance movement in occupied north ITALY sent their sisters in liberated Italy an International Women's Day message expressing "their firm decision to play their part in the struggle for national liberation" and thanking "Italy's democratic government for granting women the right to vote."

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister John Curtin praised the Soviet Government for giving "maximum help" in the movement of Red Cross supplies to Allied prisoner camps in Japan. . . . Russian sappers de-activated 10,000 mines and removed 140 charges of explosives weighing 70 tons with which the Germans had planned to blow up the famous DNEPR power station and dam. . . . The first group of American, British and Canadian prisoners of war liberated by the RED ARMY are en route home. . . . The British RUGBY UNION banned a game scheduled in Paris between a London and French team, which had been sanctioned by the Foreign Office.

Copies of the LONDON DAILY WORKER are flown to Brussels and are on sale in the streets by 9 a.m. . . . **L'HUMANITE**, French Communist daily, exposed a labor spy outfit in Lyon which turned over its file of 450,000 union members to German repressive and slave labor services. The Rhone Poulenc trust, one of the spy agency's 130 subscribers, refused to manufacture penicillin needed for the French army.

LUIS RIVAS, Spanish hero, a commander of the famous Quinto Regimiento, brigade chief under Gen. Enrique Lister, last commander of the Garibaldi Brigade, died in Mexico City on Jan. 11. . . . **NULO BALDINI**, Italian Socialist ex-deputy from Rayena and apostle of the cooperative movement, was executed by the Nazis at the age of 84.

Greeks Here Hold Plastiras' Policy Delays Stabilization

Violence continues in Greece because the present Plastiras government isn't truly representative of the people, the Greek American Council here wired President Roosevelt.

In similar messages to Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin, the Council urged the Big Three to "discharge, rapidly and effectively their joint responsibility as set forth in the Yalta declaration."

The Greek National Liberation Front (EAM) must be represented in the government, the Council declared, and pointed out that "the Greek government, despite repeated assurances, has not honored its commitments" in the Varkiza agreement.

President Roosevelt was also informed by the Council that relief supplies are being used as a "political stick against the EAM and thus against the majority of the starving Greek people." ELAS control of

a few hours before Gen. Charles De Gaulle made his disappointing speech to the French Consultative Assembly.

The Socialists and Communists not only represent the entire working-class, but also large sections of the peasantry and middle classes in France. Their appeal was backed by the two main resistance movements, the Mouvement de la Liberation Nationale and the Front National, even though these two groups have not yet achieved organic unity.

The entire press of Paris hailed the statement, except the right-wing Radical paper *L'Aurore*, and the three conservative dailies — *Le Figaro*, *Monde*, and *Paris-Presse*.

The fact that this document was issued a few hours before De Gaulle spoke on March 2, and yet was completely ignored in his remarks shows the divergence of policy on economic issues and is one reason for the present tension in the French national front. The other, of course, revolves around de Gaulle's attitude toward the Big Three.

In essence, the Socialists and Communists re-affirm the program of the Council of National Resistance, published in the underground last March 15. They insist upon the "immediate nationalization" of the "important banks, the principal sources of raw materials and power for the key industries, as well as

transportation, and insurance companies."

Even more important, they see such "immediate, bold and constructive measures" as taking place through the channel of "confiscating the ill-gotten gains of the collaborationists."

To gauge the difference between this approach and Gen. De Gaulle's, it is necessary to examine the text of his March 2 speech, a copy of which was released here yesterday.

In general terms, De Gaulle visualizes a strong, industrialized France, with an increasing population, and with all sections of the population cooperating in a fraternal way, all of which bears a certain traditional Catholic conception in it.

He mentions the "vast perspectives" of industrializing the French colonies, assures his audience that the Ruhr coal mines must be at the disposal of the French steel industry, praises the "spiritual movement" which the Resistance has contributed in the last eight months, and boasts that he did not need the proffered aid of Marshal Petain to avoid "civil war."

But on specific economic issues,

Socialist Int'l Backs Allied Rule of Reich

(The Allied Labor News dispatch below on the recent conference of the Socialist International exposes completely those emigre Social Democratic leaders here, who pretend to speak for Europe's Socialists. See column by George Morris on Page 7).

By ANNE KELLY

Wireless to Allied Labor News

LONDON, March 9. — The conference of the Socialist International, summoned by the British Labor Party, adopted a plan for the postwar control of Germany closely paralleling that approved by the recent world labor conference here.

The Socialist program opposes the division of Germany into separate states, although it states that this does not exclude necessary change of frontiers or the establishment of a special regime for the Rhineland, Ruhr and Saar. Any return to an undemocratic regime, it asserts, must be re-

garded as a new attack on the peace.

Advocating that the powers of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration be strengthened, the conference urged the speediest aid to liberated areas.

A manifesto on permanent peace adopted by the conference endorses the Dumbarton Oaks proposals as modified at the Crimea Conference, but recommends in addition the immediate creation of machinery for international control of armaments, and that the first nucleus of an international police force, including international air squadrons armored and airborne forces, be stationed at danger zones.

In addition to the British Labor party, affiliates of the Socialist International represented at the conference were the Socialist parties of Belgium, Italy, Holland, France, Norway, Palestine, Czechoslovakia, Spain and Poland.

SEES PLOT TO KILL PARIS PATRIOT PRESS

The arrest in Paris of Yves Bayet is part of a plot to destroy the resistance press, his father, Albert Bayet, president of the French Press Federation and a member of the Consultative Assembly, charged yesterday.

Writing in *Franc Tireur*, moderate resistance newspaper, the elder Bayet denied his son had been a collaborationist. He intimated the arrest was intended to force his resignation from the Press Federation. "Then the Carbuccia-Prouvost press can step in and liquidate the resistance press," he added. Horace Carbuccia and Jean Prouvost edited pro-Nazi newspapers, *Gringoire* and *Paris Soir*.

De Gaulle is very vague. First, he stresses how long France must wait and suffer before she can again make any real headway; his emphasis is on a long up-hill struggle, with very few indications of immediate results.

"STATE ACTION"

Secondly, he admits that: "France will need state action, which will be careful not to crush the initiative of competition and just profit and at the same time hold the principal levers of command." He envisages "state action" for a whole series of industries and national resources. But nowhere does he use the word "nationalization"; instead, he stresses the idea of "state controls."

Third, there is no indication that these "principal levers of command" involve the actual punishment of the big collaborationists by confis-

cation of their properties because they worked for the Germans.

On the contrary, in reviewing the progress made since last August, he speaks of the "much-needed purge" as something which is almost over. The purge, of course, has thus far hit only a few journalists. None of the big industrialists and bankers and not even the Vichy politicians have been tried.

Thus, there are different conceptions here between the working class parties and the government's chief, as regards the nature of state participation, its extent, the urgency of action, and, finally, the political target against whom these measures are to be directed.

This does not mean a sharp political crisis, necessarily, but it does throw light on the tensions which exist in France and the unresolved problems confronting the country.

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Tonight—Brooklyn

GALA INSTALLATION PARTY and dance of the Brownsville Club. Entertainment, refreshments. Tonight at the Saratoga Ave. Center, 375 Saratoga Ave., B'klyn. Admission free.

Tomorrow—Manhattan

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY presents a Dance Recital by six New York children's dance groups for babies of Italy. Admission: two cans of milk (condensed, etc.), 2 p.m. at Times Hall, Sunday, March 11th, 44th St. and Broadway. Eugene P. Connolly, M.O. Arrangements by Actors Cues. Show produced by Leo Shull. Times Hall provided by N. Y. Times. Dance groups include Mme. Olga Tarasova group, Jefferson School children's group, Eugene Von Grama group, Young Dancers' Studio, Novikoff group, Christine Folkline group. Remember 45¢ of babies born in Italy today do not live 3 months.

DAVID MCKELVEY WHITE, executive secretary of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, will talk on the Battle for Spain and its effect on the Americas. To be followed by social and folk dancing. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16th St. at 8:30 p.m. 50¢.

ALPHAEUS HUNTON discusses "Can the Colonial Question Be Solved Now?" Also "This Is China," documentary film with a commentary by Clifton Padman. Unity Center, 2744 B'way (near 105 St.). Sunday, March 11th, 8 p.m. Admission 35¢.

CAPT. SERGEI KOURNAKOFF will discuss current military events, Sunday, March 11th, 4 p.m. at the Community Center, 571 W. 182nd St. Adm. 35¢. Aup.: Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO, Washington Heights.

Tomorrow—Bronx

CONCOURSE BOOK SHOP, 125 E. 170th St. (1 flight up) presents Joseph Starobin in semi-monthly forum. Topic: Dumbarton Oaks, Sunday, March 11th, 8:15 p.m. Adm. 35¢.

Tomorrow Brooklyn

VICTOR YAKHONTOFF, noted military analyst, will lecture on the important military developments on all fronts. East New York Community Center, 908 Cleveland St., B'klyn. 8:30 p.m.

ALFRED GOLDSTEIN, teacher and lecturer, will speak Sunday evening on "The Nazi Underground and Cartels." Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave.

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Expert Defeatism in Amateur 'Letters'

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

The sedition which the New York Daily News dares not put in its editorials finds a convenient spot always in its letter columns. In five of the eight letters published in yesterday's issue, the entire gamut is run of those irritant-producers which would break down morale.

Breaking down fighting front morale is the plain intent of one letter. It is signed by an alleged ex-serviceman, supposedly just home from the

Pacific theater. It's morale-destroying ideas are summed up thus: "I find our nation a great disappointment. First they took a lot of my relatives away to the war. Then they rationed food and other things. Now they take away our places of amusement after midnight—which to me means taking away my freedom."

This is an open, provocative appeal to resentment at the national service act. It's an open invitation to the men in the armed forces to fall down on their jobs. It's utterly

false, since the curfew law and rationing are specifically designed to help these men fighting at the front.

Smashing home front morale is the aim of the second letter, entitled Bonds and Parasites. With it also goes another, called Tax Day Thoughts. With the new war bond sale coming up again next month, this letter does all it can to discourage purchases by saying that they go to "pay the salaries of thousands of men and women employed in needless and wasteful federal boards bureaus." The News has

only the word of Hearst and the defeatist Senator Harry Byrd for such a reckless charge.

As to the tax letter, enough is said when this final line is quoted: "They tax and tax and spend and spend, but will the war ever end?"

Suspicion of our Allies, Britain and the Soviet Union, is the burden of two other "communications." One of these "sees the American Revolution Lost," as it claims we are now paying "taxes to the British crown." It's a typical piece of Goebbels fiction, as is the other

letter-against the Soviet Union. "In his usual deceptive manner," it says of our Commander in Chief. It endeavors to whip up the most violent of religious hatreds by calling Stalin "the scourge of Christianity" and saying that "devout Catholics" are thrown by the Crimea accord into the hands of "the ruthless absolute dictator on earth."

The news that Catholic educational institutions have been reopened in Poland since the coming of the Red Army and that other Catholic activities have begun give the lie to such crass falsehoods.

It's time the Department of Justice investigated the News and its "letter writers."

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2 Indians, 2 Violets on 'Daily's' All-City Team

By NAT LOW

Speed, savvy, power and poise are the things that characterize the Daily Worker's All-City basketball team for the 1944-45 season. Headed by St. John's little firebrand, Hy Gotkin, the team consists of one senior, Gotkin, two sophomores, Sid Tanenbaum of NYU and Bill Kotsos of St. John's and two freshmen, Adolf Schayes of NYU and Norm Skinner of Columbia.

It is a fast team with a great scoring punch, but more than anything else it possesses the resourcefulness and poise that is the difference between two otherwise equally matched clubs. This team may not be quite capable of rolling up Rhode Island State scores of 70 and 80 points per game, but it wouldn't have to do this for the opposition could hardly score more than 35 or 40 points against it.

In Skinner, the 17-year-old Negro freshman of Columbia, and Tanenbaum, you have two of the most adept scorers in the country. They would be the spearhead of your offensive and would be ably helped by driving, scrapping Kotsos, Gotkin and Schayes. It could sink 'em on layup shots from the inside and could pop 'em in on set shots from the outside. Where will you get better set shot artists than Skinner and Tanenbaum, not to mention Gotkin?

Most of the boys we picked were unanimous choices of the Daily Worker sports staff, which has closely watched all the college games in the met area. It may surprise you to notice that Al Grenert of NYU is not on the first team. And for good reason. Al is a fine shooter all right and a prolific scorer, but he isn't the all-around courtman an All-City player should be and, as was manifested in the St. John's, Army and CCNY games, he is easily stopped by a good defensive player.

But let's take this squad of ours apart, man for man.

Kotsos

According to the Basketball Writers Association of New York, which voted on Monday, he is the Most Valuable Player in the met

Ray, Cochrane to Meet in June

Promoter Jack Kearns of Chicago announced yesterday that Freddy "Red" Cochrane, welter-weight champ of the world, has agreed to face Ray Robinson for the title in Chicago some time in June. The fight will take place either in Soldiers' Field or one of the local ball parks.

And about time!

NYU, which lost seven games this season but wound up with two splashing victories over Temple and CCNY, has accepted a bid to play in the NCAA Tourney, eastern division.

Meanwhile, West Virginia, which beat LIU at the Garden here during the season, has accepted a bid to the National Invitation Tournament and so becomes the seventh team in that tourney. One more team remains to be picked in both tournaments and then the field will be complete.

And before we forget, there are now 15 Dodgers signed and ready to report to the Bear Mountain training camp next week. Contrary to rumor, Branch Rickey will not play first base in place of Howie Schultz.

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Norm Skinner, Columbia...Forward...Paul Schmones, CCNY
Adolf Schayes, NYU...Center...Carl Meinhold, LIU
Hy Gotkin, St. John's...Guard...Al Grenert, NYU
Sid Tanenbaum, NYU...Guard...Frank Mangiapane, NYU
HONORABLE MENTION: Lester Rothman and Lou Goldstein, LIU; Don Forman, NYU; Sid Finger, Hal Korovin and Bill Levine, CCNY; Ivy Summer, St. John's, and Howie Dobel, Columbia.

area. A big, driving fellow with a tremendous amount of "fight," Kotsos, of Greek parentage, is a magnificent floorman, a brilliant defensive player and a timely scorer. He is physically the strongest man on the team, capable of going at full speed for the full 40 minutes of each contest. He is death under the baskets, dominating the play at this vital place completely.

Skinner

Playing with one of the weakest teams in town, Columbia, this slender and speedy dead-eye was able to sink 296 points to become the second highest scorer in the city. Skinner carried the Lions through game after game, the opposition including some of the top teams of the east. He has a deceptive feint which enables him to get under the baskets for hook shots and his set shot ranks with the very best.

Schayes

Even in peacetime this 16-year old freshman would still be a great courtman, 6 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, he is being called one of the greatest prospects to come along in many years. He entered school in January and thus has played but seven games with the Violets but off that he rates over the three other top centers, in the city, Carl Meinhold, Hal Korovin and Ivy Summer. This young man can do almost everything. He can work out of the pivot like a veteran, has a remarkably sure pair of hands and is fast and graceful. Defensively he is superb and against Notre Dame, Army, CCNY—he never failed to turn in a superlative performance. One of the coming greats of the game.

Lee Savold's scheduled fight with Larry Lane has been postponed because Savold had to have a finger amputated. The operation is the outcome of an accident Savold suffered when he was in the Merchant Marine.

The Rangers, as you probably know by now, are definitely out of the playoff picture. They were trimmed by Chicago Wednesday and then mauled by Detroit Thursday with the result that they are now safely and securely in the cellar and it seems that the Black Hawks, who were supposedly counted out weeks ago may nose out Boston for the playoff berth. The Hawks are tied with the Bruins but are going better while the Bean Towners are in a deep, deep slump.

Buffalo basketball writers have named St. John's the best team to visit the city during the season and Joe Lapchick the best coach. And that's right. . . . The Negro Rummies will play Troy of the Hudson Valley League tomorrow night at Rennie Cassino, 138 St. and Seventh Ave.

Gotkin

We said a whole column full about this classy Brownsville youngster last week and there's little else to add. The smartest player in the country and the one with the greatest leadership ability. Only 5 feet 8 inches tall he is, nevertheless, a driving floorman and a splendid retriever of rebounds. Defensively he is perfection—he held the redoubtable Grenert to but one field goal—and offensively he sinks the goals that count most. He would be the captain and leader of this team of ours.

Tanenbaum

Another Brownsville star, the NYU ace can do just about everything required of a basketball player. He sets up plays, has an uncanny knack of being where the ball is, possesses an unerring set shot and can hook the ball into the basket from almost any position. He is a team man and it was his rifle passes that set up a good percentage of Al Grenert's goals. He is very fast and in wonderful condition, playing through every game of the Violets' arduous schedule.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF-Shostakovich Chamber Music Festival
WOR-News; Talk; Music
WJZ-Kay Armen, Songs
WABC-Warren Sweeney, News
WMCA-News; Music Box
WQXR-News Reports
11:05-WABC-Let's Pretend-Sketch
WQXR-New York Philharmonic
Symphony Young People's Concert
11:30-WEAF-Smilin' Ed McConnell
WOR-Hokey Hall
WABC-Billie Burke Show
WMCA-Hello, Neighbor
11:45-WJZ-Shopping Talk-Lois Long

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF-News; Consumer Time
WOR-Man on the Farm
WJZ-Jean Tighe, Songs
WABC-Theater of Today
12:15-WJZ-Radio Harris-Broadway News
12:30-WEAF-Atlantic Spotlight
WOR-News; The Answer Man
WJZ-News; Farm-Home Hour
WABC-Stars Over Hollywood
1:00-WEAF-Variety Musicale
WOR-Discussion: World Peace and World Cooperation
WJZ-Eddie Condon's Jazz Concert
WABC-Grand Central Station
1:15-WMCA-Health Talk
1:25-WABC-News Reports
1:30-WEAF-The Boxers-Sketch
WOR-Symphonies for Youth
WJZ-Soldiers With Wings
WABC-Report to the Nation
WMCA-Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF-John MacVane, News
WMCA-This Is Our Town

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF-Variety Musicale
WJZ-Metropolitan Opera: The Golden Cockerel
WABC-Of Men and Books
2:15-WABC-Adventures in Science
WMCA-Christian Science Talk
2:30-WEAF-To Be Announced
WOR-Leo Egan, News
WABC-Carolina Hayride
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-Music of Our Time
2:45-WOR-Talk-Stanley Maxted
WMCA-Front Page Drama
3:00-WEAF-Baltimore Symphony
WOR-This Is Halloran
WABC-The Land Is Bright
3:30-WOR-Where Are They Now?
WABC-Syncopation Piece
WMCA-News; Waltz Music
3:45-WABC-Job for Tomorrow
4:00-WEAF-Doctors Look Ahead
WOR-News; Richards Orchestra
WABC-Report From Washington
WMCA-Ray Smith, Songs
WQXR-News; Symphony Music
4:15-WABC-Report From Overseas
4:30-WEAF-Variety Show
WOR-Variety Musicale
WABC-Assignment Home
WMCA-News; Music
5:00-WEAF-Grand Hotel-Play
WOR-Uncle Don
WABC-Philadelphia Orchestra
5:15-WOR-Leo Egan, Talk
5:30-WEAF-John W. Vandercook, News
WMCA-News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR-Romolo de Spirito, Tenor

Hagg Picked to Win Columbian Mile Tonight

By PHIL GORDON

Gunder Hagg, beaten humiliatingly last week by 80 yards, will attempt to improve on his showing tonight when he again runs the mile at the Garden against the same field that passed him last week, including Jimmy Rafferty who has taken all six major mile races this season.

The famed Swedish star has had a week's time to train and he will unquestionably better his effort of last week but whether he can beat the dogged Rafferty is still another question.

We're inclined to believe that Gunder can do it despite everything. For one thing he probably will not jockey for the lead again with Rudy Simms. You'll remember he fought off four such challenges last week and pooped both himself and Simms in the doing.

This time he will be content to allow the NYU youngster to set the pace and probably plans to nip him after the three quarter mark. From there on the battle will probably be between Hagg, Rafferty and Forest Eflaw who so surprisingly challenged Rafferty in the home-stretch last Saturday. Another possible winner is Don Burnham who possesses a mighty last lap kick.

The race tonight will be the Columbian Mile which is part of the closing meet of the season, the K. of C. Most experts are predicting another slow mile, between 4:12 and 4:15, but the fierce competition may lower it so that it will be the fastest mile of the season.

Hagg's traveling companion, hurdler Haskon Lidman, will try for his second 60-yard high hurdles victory. Lidman will run against a fast field, including national indoor champion Ed Dugger of Dayton, Ohio, and Billy Mitchell of the Cherry Point, N. C. Marines.

A four-man field in the 60-yard run is expected to produce one of the closest races of the meet. Veteran Jimmy Herbert will defend his

Hassett Capt. of Irish

Bill Hassett of New York City, junior at the University of Notre Dame and regular guard on the Irish basketball team, has been elected captain of the team for next year, it was announced last night.

title against Elmore Harris, National 440 champion McKenley of Boston; and Charley Beetham, Ohio.

Lt. Joe McCluskey will begin his 20th running season when he competes in the two-mile run. The former Fordham flash worked out on a steel-topped transport last Friday, in Los Angeles on Saturday, in Chicago Sunday and in New York Monday. Competing in his first major indoor meet of the 1945 season, Ed Conwell of NYU will join the Star-spangled cast of sprinters in the 60-yard dash. Conwell has been laid up with a leg injury. Defending champion Barney Ewell, formerly of Penn State, Herb Douglas of the Coast Guard and Eulace Peacock, formerly of Temple, are included in the sprint list.

Lose Hope for Boy With Enlarged Heart

LOS ANGELES, March 9 (UP).—Colin Gray, a five-year-old boy with a heart five times the size it should be, was ready today to return to Vancouver, B. C., where physicians fear death awaits him sometime this summer.

Colin was sent to Los Angeles by generous Vancouver citizens for examination by a heart specialist. Dr. John Jones decided "no possible operation would help."

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WOR-710 Kc. WLIE-1190 Kc.
WJZ-770 Kc. WHN-1050 Kc.
WNYC-830 Kc. WOY-1290 Kc.
WABC-880 Kc. WBNY-1480 Kc.
WINS-1000 Kc. WQXR-1500 Kc.

5:45-WEAF-Jack Owens, Baritone
WOR-Shirley Eder, Interview
WJZ-Marion Mann, Songs

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News; Friendship Ranch
WOR-News; Music
WJZ-Bruno Shaw
WABC-Quincy Howe, News
6:15-WJZ-Sports-Harry Wismer
WABC-People's Platform
WMCA-Dale Belmont, Songs
6:30-WOR-Fred VanDevanter, News
WJZ-Edward Tomlinson
WMCA-They Live in Brooklyn
6:45-WEAF-Religion in the News
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Labor-U.S.A.
WABC-The World Today-News
7:00-WEAF-Our Foreign Policy
WOR-Guess Who? Quiz
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad
WABC-Play-Mayor of the Town
with Lionel Barrymore
WMCA-News; Platterbrains
7:15-WJZ-Leland Stowe
7:30-WEAF-The Saint-Play
WOR-Arthur Hale, News
WJZ-Most Your Navy
WABC-America in the Air
WMCA-News Reports
WQXR-Concert Music
7:45-WOR-The Answer Man
WMCA-Songs of Israel
8:00-WEAF-Gaaslight Gayeties
WOR-Frank Singler, News
WJZ-Early American Music
WABC-Danny Kaye Show
8:15-WOR-Dr. A. L. Sachar
8:30-WEAF-Truth or Consequences
WOR-Detroit Symphony Orchestra
WJZ-Boston Symphony Orchestra
WABC-The FBI in Peace and War
8:55-WABC-Ned Calmer, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF-National Barn Dance
WABC-Hit Parade
WMCA-News; Shoot the Works
WQXR-News Reports
9:05-WQXR-Europe This Week
9:20-WQXR-Request Music
9:30-WEAF-Can You Top This?
WOR-Mysterious Traveler
WJZ-Spotlight Band
WMCA-Recorded Music
9:45-WABC-Saturday Serenade
9:55-WJZ-Quick Quiz
10:00-WEAF-Judy Canova Show
WOR-Theater of the Air
WJZ-Andy Russell Show
WMCA-News; Music
10:15-WABC-Al Pearce Show
10:30-WEAF-Grand Ole Opry
WJZ-To Be Announced
WMCA-Frank Kingdom, Comments
WQXR-France in the News

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FM Radio Will Widen Field For Adult, Child Education

By CHARLOTTE G. MOULTON

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UP).—Within five years after the war as many as 500 radio stations, operated non-commercially by colleges, city school systems and state boards of education, may be offering a free education to millions of Americans, young and old.

This tremendous expansion in education via the air waves will be made possible through the use of frequency modulation, the new type of broadcasting which insures static-free programs of superior tone fidelity, FM, which is expected to reduce materially education's dependence on printing as a tool for learning is especially adaptable to group listening.

Some 28 states, representing three-fourths of the country's total population, are planning statewide networks of educational stations.

Many are remembering not only the big-city audiences but the isolated regions often ignored by commercial broadcasters. Smalltown bands and debating teams will be competing in regional and state radio contests and mountain folk in Tennessee and Kentucky will have a whole new world opened to them when they come down the valleys on muleback to see what's going on at the little red schoolhouse.

HOMEWORK FOR JOHNNY

In the cities it will be harder than ever for young Johnny to avoid exposure to learning, with his homework likely to arrive over the radio within the sphere of parental supervision. And, too, he can continue school by radio in the event of an epidemic of severe weather.

Network programs and policies will be carefully planned by state committees, composed of business and professional people, and representatives of parent-teachers associations and state governments as well as educators, according to R. R. Lowdermilk, radio specialist in the U. S. Office of Education, which is advising educators on their radio problems. Persons representing many fields of interest will be chosen to assure impartial appraisal of program scripts, he said. There also will be similar regional and local committees.

Housing, juvenile delinquency and such community problems will be treated in programs planned by local committees, he added.

After the sound programs go off the air at night, Lowdermilk said, educational stations might be able to carry on with facsimile—the transmission of still pictures, charts, maps, diagrams and the like. Teachers then would arrive at school to find master copies awaiting them, ready for duplication and early classroom use.

In proposals for postwar radio in America the Federal Communications Commission has assured educators of an expanded "home" on the air by reserving a sizeable portion of FM broadcasting space solely for educational use.

Educators had their chance to exploit radio in the early '20s when broadcasting was first sweeping the country. Scores of educational institutions had built radio stations before 1934, but commercial competition and lack of funds and trained personnel gradually drove most of them off the air.

With the coming of high frequency broadcasting, educators again evinced interest in radio and in 1940 the FCC recognized their claims. In 1943 James Lawrence Fly, then FCC chairman warned that if schools and colleges did not use the space allotted to them "history is going to repeat itself and education will again find that it is left with memories of a lost opportunity."

By September, 1944, when the FCC began work on the reallocation of all radio frequencies, 160 educational institutions had expressed interest in radio.

RADIO COLLEGE COURSES

Plans to educate postwar America via the air waves are being boosted and coordinated by the U. S. Office of Education and stations already on the air also are assisted by the Federal Radio Education Committee.

Miss Gertrude G. Broderick, committee secretary, looks for an early

spurt in college courses to train teachers in the use of radio so they will be able to cope with the radio age in education which is just ahead.

"Radio training isn't limited to technicians any longer," she said. "Teachers of home economics, public health—almost any subject—will need instruction in how to use radio in their work."

The committee recently outlined a set of standards for such teacher-training courses to guide college curriculum committees.

The FREC was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission in 1935 after Congress held extensive hearings on whether or not specific radio frequencies should be provided for educational programs only. The FCC then maintained there was plenty of opportunity for all types of programs through commercial outlets and set up the FREC to strengthen relations between broadcasters and teachers. There are now 15 members of the committee, which is supported partly by contributions from the radio industry and partly by educational foundations.

SCRIPT SERVICE

Miss Broderick spends much of her time running a radio script and transcription rental service for schools and radio stations. It operates like a circulating library. Some broadcasts promote scrap metal drives and other war activities on the part of children. There are also recent speeches by famous persons, dramatizations and other material, obtained free of charge largely from government sources, which the committee thinks will help students understand current problems that face the United States and the world.

Some transcriptions are for sale. When commercial producers hesitated to explore the potential market for transcriptions a few years ago, Miss Broderick said, the FREC did some experimenting with a special fund and found an immediate demand from schools for worthwhile recordings. They are used by schools wired with sound systems and for community audiences.

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Ernest Garin and Vera Maretskaya play leading roles in the Chekhov comedy Marriage, new Soviet film at the Stanley Theatre.

Lillian Hellman Tells About Russian Tour

Playwright Lillian Hellman, recently returned from a trip to Russia and the Red Army front, will be the guest of narrator John Daly on Report to the Nation over the Columbia network, today, Saturday (WABC-CBS, 1:30-2:00 P. M.)

Orson Welles Stars In Conrad's Story

Orson Welles, makes his first appearance as regular star and host of Columbia net work's This Is My Best, Tuesday, March 13, as the sea captain in Joseph Conrad's story The Heart of Darkness. (WABC, 9:30-10:00 p. m. From Hollywood.)

MOTION PICTURES

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"MARRIAGE and JUBILEE"
Two great comedies by the famous Russian writer, featuring artists of THE MOSCOW ART THEATRE with ZOYA FYODOROVA · VERA MARETSKAYA
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New Pamphlet on Heroic Role Of Europe's Communists

A strikingly dramatic new pamphlet, The Communists and the Liberation of Europe, has just been issued by New Century Publishers. The author is Maxine Levi, of the foreign affairs staff of the Daily Worker.

Here, for the first time in compact form, are presented the true facts of the heroic role and contributions of the Communist liberation fighters in the resistance movements of the formerly Nazi occupied countries, and the real story about the Communists of France,

Yugoslavia, Greece, Spain, Poland, Belgium and other countries.

Highly descriptive in quality and vividly written, the pamphlet is illustrated with photographs of Communist leaders in the liberation movement, including Tito, Siantos, Thorez, Togliatti, Passionaria, Boleslaw Beirut, Klement Gottwald and others.

New Century Publishers describes The Communists and the Liberation of Europe as "a powerful refutation of the lies of the red-baiters and slanderers, the disrupters of national and United Nations unity."

Crimea Film Shown In Russian Theatres

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—A newsreel of the Crimea conference has appeared on Soviet screens, Radio Moscow said in a broadcast recorded for OWI. "Spectators see Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill engaged in a friendly talk in a park, Roosevelt with his daughter in motorcar sight-seeing along the picturesque coast of the Krym peninsula, and the arrival and departure of the leaders of the three powers," Moscow said, adding that the "reel was prepared by five Soviet operators under the direction of Sergei Geras Simov, Stalin Prize winner."

Austrian Music Night At Carnegie Hall

The Theater of All Nations will present Spotlight on Austria, an evening of Austrian music, drama and dance tonight (Saturday) at the Carnegie Chamber Music Hall, 57th St. and 7th Ave. The program will feature: Stefan Auber, Cello; Lotte Brandt-Pasal, piano; Theodore Goetz, Recitations; Haldee Morini, dance; Malva Stereny, Soprano. A play by Jacques F. Ferrand titled Secret Journey Through Austria will also be presented. Ferdinand Czernin, of the Free Austrian movement will speak. Countries neighboring Austria will also be represented by speakers.

Late Bulletins

Advancing Marines Split Iwo Japanese Into 2 Pockets

GUAM, March 9 (UP).—The desperate Japanese garrison on Iwo Island has been split into two pockets by the drive of the 3rd U. S. Marine Division to a 100-foot cliff overlooking the northern end of the island, front reports said today.

Japanese entrenched in pillboxes and deep crevices still put up a hail

of small arms fire.

Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey's 5th Marine Division swept along the northwest coast beyond Kita, gaining positions from which to make a junction with the 3rd division.

The 4th Division was encountering the toughest going on the east coast.

Subs Sink 12 More Japanese Ships

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UP).—American submarines have sunk 12 more Japanese ships, including another escort carrier, the Navy announced today.

The carrier was the second announced sunk by U.S. undersea raiders since Feb. 21. The latest haul also included a destroyer, a large tanker, four cargo transports and five cargo ships. It brought to 1,067 the number of Japanese ships sunk by U.S. submarines alone since Pearl Harbor.

ELAS Member Sentenced to Death

ATHENS, March 9 (UP).—Michael Monedas, a 22-year-old member of the ELAS, was sentenced to death last night on a charge of allegedly murdering two persons. The civil court decision reaffirmed the death sentence meted out two weeks ago by a special court.

Attorneys for Monedas declared the victims were proved collaborators and the acts took place during the German occupation.

Polish General Named Silesia Chief

MOSCOW, March 9 (UP).—Maj. Gen. Alexander Zawadski, former Deputy Chief of Staff of the Polish Army in charge of political education, has been appointed governor of occupied German Silesia, a Tass dispatch from Warsaw stated today.

Zawadski, a former miner and trade union leader, is a member of the Workers Party. He will be succeeded by Maj. Gen. Marian Spychalski, former Mayor of Warsaw, partisan leader and member of the Workers Party.

Moscow Reports Riots in Munich

LONDON, March 9 (UP).—Serious riots have broken out in Munich, cradle of Nazism, Moscow said today.

The Moscow radio, quoting Paris reports, said that SS units were posted around Munich and that railway traffic and telegraph lines between the city and other parts of Bavaria had been cut. Skirmishes also were reported in the eastern part of Munich.

Ask NLRB Dismiss Mine Strike Request

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UP).—The Southern Coal Producers Association tonight asked the National Labor Relations Board to dismiss the United Mine Workers' request for a strike poll among 400,000 soft coal miners on March 28.

Indo-China Put Under Military Control

Japan, repudiating its 1941 "agreement" with the French authorities of Indo-China, has seized complete military control of the country in order to suppress "hostile" elements, Tokyo radio disclosed Friday.

Million Nazis Now in Allied Prisons

PARIS, March 9 (UP).—The Allied bag of German prisoners since D-Day passed the million mark yesterday, Allied Supreme Headquarters announced today. The March 8 total was 1,009,631.

1st Deepens Rhine Bridgehead

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To the north, more than 250 big guns of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army began a destructive shelling of Essen and other Ruhr arsenal cities across the Rhine.

The Canadian First Army captured the lower Rhine stronghold of Xanten and cut the Nazis' west bank bridgehead in that area to a bare 18 square miles. Berlin said that eight crack British divisions were massing in that area for a Rhine crossing designed to break open the way to Berlin across the north German plains.

Four Allied armies—the U. S. First, Third and Ninth and the Canadian First—were now across or on the Rhine along a 118-mile front from the Coblenz area to Holland. Headquarters disclosed that a new

army—the U. S. 15th commanded by Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow—had been activated and presumably was in the battle lines.

NINE ARMIES

Formation of that army put nine armies—more than 2,000,000 men—on the march from the Swiss border to the North Sea, in the Allies' knockout drive from the west.

German resistance to the First Army strike across the Rhine and the Third Army's advance which rolled within three miles of Coblenz, was chaotic.

On the Third Army front, the 11th Armored Division seized a German divisional commander, his entire staff and 3,200 troops as it raced 21 miles to reach the Rhine at Brohl, six miles south of the First Army's lower wing along the Ahr River and eight miles below Remagen.

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San Francisco gives a hearty welcome to Americans who spent three years in the Japanese prison camp at Cabantua on Luzon. The internees, the first large group from the Philippines to arrive in this country, were taken to Letterman Hospital for check-ups and to recuperate after their long ordeal.

The Veteran Commander

ACROSS THE RHINE

THE circumstances attending the crossing of the Rhine, reportedly at Remagen (in the vicinity of which Julius Caesar crossed the Rhine exactly 2,000 years ago, marking the first crossing of that river in military history by an organized army), by elements of the American First Army are so unusual that it seems worth while quoting from one of the first eyewitness accounts of this unbelievable operation.

C. R. Cunningham of the UP, for instance, has this to say:

"The American First Army is on the Berlin . . . side of the Rhine. A firm bridgehead which includes a hill that sticks up like Gibraltar is being expanded northward, southward and eastward into the rich green wooded hills that lie ahead" (not the tactical features of the terrain so eminently suited for defense—V. C.).

"Not yet, after 29 hours, has the German command struck back (not that the bridgehead is within a stone's throw of the transversal line running from Cologne to Coblenz where a striking force can be maneuvered and brought into action in a matter of a few hours—V. C.).

"A single infantry company . . . crossed the Rhine . . . at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday. It caught the Germans at a weak spot, undefended except by snipers and machine gunners, without fixed for positions. At 3:45 p.m., it is safe to say that nobody . . . thought about a crossing of the river. The full story cannot be told. But we came to a spot where the Germans were asleep. It was not the mission of the infantry company involved to cross the Rhine. But it was a moment for split-second decision, one of those that change the course of wars. The word went up from company H.Q. to battalion H. Q. Lt. Col. Leonard Engemann made the necessary decision—go across—without a moment's hesitation."

And so we note the following attending circum-

stances: the crossing was made at a "classical" spot, where crossings had been made in 55 B.C., in 1805 and in 1918 (the latter by our armies of occupation); the terrain is eminently suitable for defense; the crossing was decided upon by a battalion commander, in five minutes time, obviously without the slightest preparation; after 29 hours the Germans had not struck back yet; seemingly the railroad bridge had been left intact by the Germans (a lieutenant and second lieutenant "found that the Rhine could be crossed").

All these things happened within a stone's throw of the main communication line running from Cologne to Cassel, Leipzig and Kottbus, and representing now the main "beam" of Germany's double front. However, so long as the "full story cannot be told," all we can do is remain in a state of amazement and salute 2d Lt. Burroughs who is reported to have been the first to walk, paddle or swim across the Rhine (probably—walk).

At last reports, a new American Army—the Fifteenth—had taken its place on the Rhine front as part of Gen. Omar Bradley's Twelfth Army Group, somewhere north of Cologne.

A tremendous artillery barrage has been opened on the industrial cities of the Ruhr, reportedly reaching Essen whose western outskirts are about five miles east of the Rhine. Other crossings can be expected momentarily.

THERE is still no official Soviet news of the reported offensive by Marshal Zhukov near Kustrin and of his crossing of the Oder, as reported by Berlin during the last 48 hours.

The battles for Stettin and Danzig are developing favorably.

Near Lake Balaton the Germans continue to counter-attack fiercely with large tank and infantry forces.

Deny Acquittal To Fay, Bove

Attorneys for Joseph S. Fay and James Bove, AFL leaders on trial on charges of extortion, will begin presentation of the defense before Supreme Court Justice William Munson and a jury in criminal court Monday.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan rested the state's case yesterday after four days of testimony in which six contractors testified they paid thousands of dollars to Fay

and Bove to keep labor peace on the \$300,000,000 Delaware water project.

Fay is vice-president of the AFL International Union of Operating Engineers, and Bove was, until the trial started, vice-president of the AFL Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers.

After Hogan concluded the state's case, defense attorneys moved for directed verdicts of acquittal on all

counts. Justice Munson eliminated one count but denied the other motions.

The charge eliminated involved alleged payment of \$12,000 to Fay and Bove by the New York Traprock Corp. The court reserved decision on a second count charging extortion in the payment of \$125,000 by the Seaboard Construction Co.

The district attorney agreed no direct testimony of actual payments on this count had been submitted and Justice Munson said he would consider submitting this charge to the jury as attempted extortion.

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